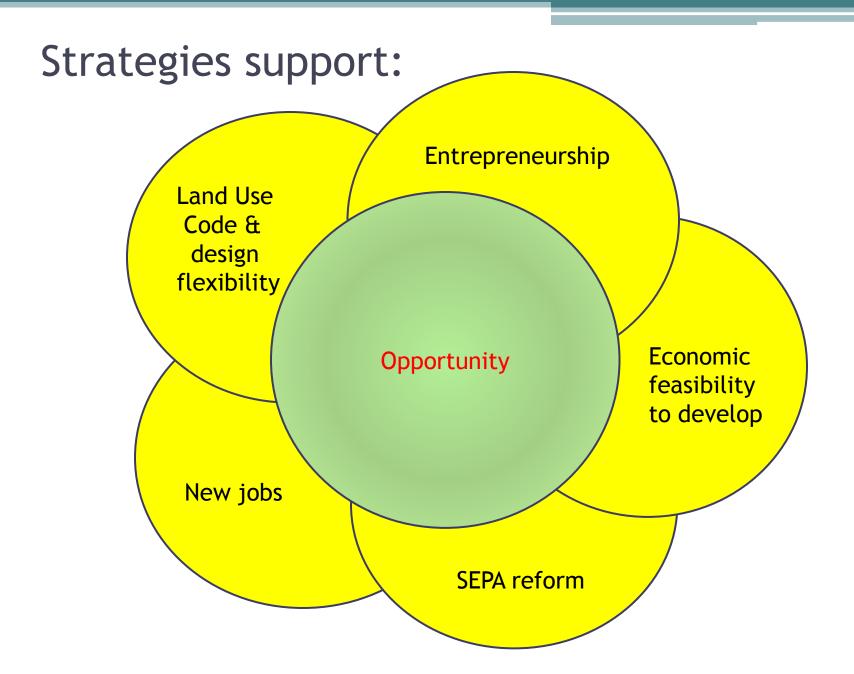
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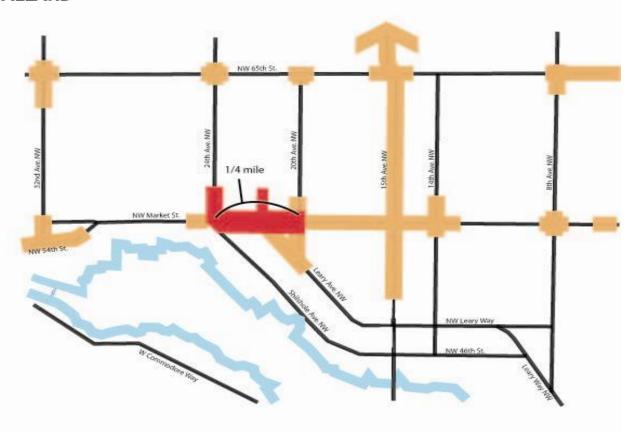






Flexibility along commercial zoned arterials

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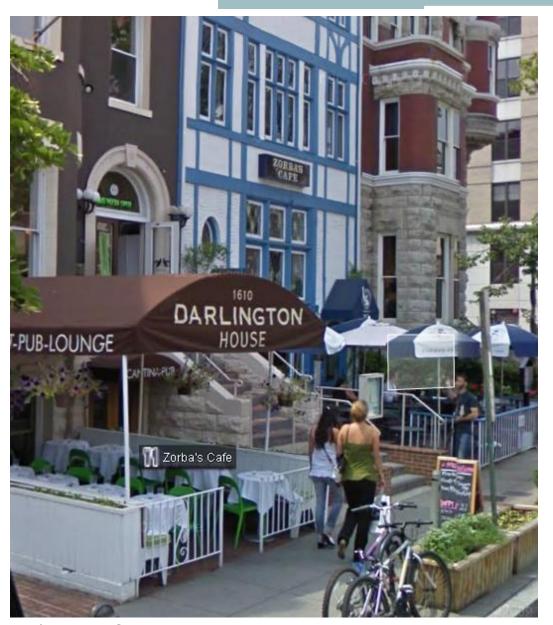
- --- Pedestrian-oriented commercial uses still required at street level
 - Increased flexibility for residential, live-work or commercial uses
 *Uses include restaurants, customer service offices, etc.





Small-scale commercial uses at street level - Ballard

Residential spaces could be converted to commercial uses in the future



Washington D.C.

Small businesses in multifamily zones

In Urban Centers

and the

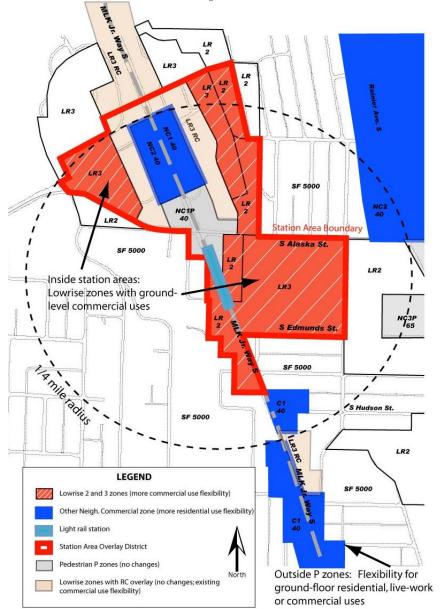
Station Area Overlay

District



Restaurant in a Lowrise zone - La Rustica (W. Seattle)

Station area example - Columbia City



SEPA Reforms

- Encourage "infill development"
 in urban centers, per Comp Plan
- SEPA review at levels where environmental impacts may occur

Capitol Hill urban center, 140 units





Northgate urban center, 163 units

SEPA thresholds - support 'smart growth' objectives in urban centers and station areas

	Existing	Proposed
Residential (Dwelling Units)	30, most zones 80 in Downtown	200, most zones 250 in Downtown
Non-Residential (Sq.ft. floor area)	12,000 sq.ft., most zones	12,000 sq.ft. "stand alone" uses 75,000 sq.ft. when in mixed-use development

Existing thresholds retained outside of Urban Centers and Station Area Overlays.

Parking reform

	Existing No minimum parking in:	Proposed No minimum parking in:
Residential	 Station Area Overlays Urban Centers Urban Villages (parts within ¼ mile of freq. transit stops) 	Expands on existing, to include: • All areas in comm. & multifamily zones within 1/4 mile of freq. transit stops
Non-Residential	Station Area OverlaysUrban Centers	Expands on existing, to include: • All areas in comm. & industrial zones within 1/4 mile of freq. transit stops

Parking reform: affected areas

Areas within 1/4 mile of corridors with frequent transit service:

- New parking flexibility for all uses (orange)
- New parking flexibility for non-residential uses (light gray)





Parking for major institutions in urban centers

First Hill:

Virginia Mason

Harborview

Swedish

Seattle U.

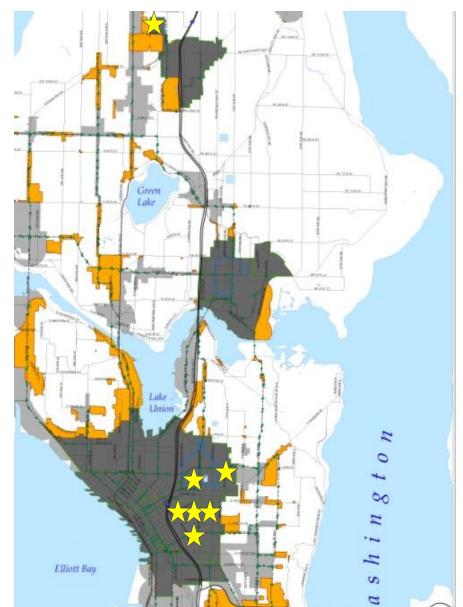
Capitol Hill:

Seattle Central C.C.

Group Health

Northgate:

NW Hospital



Thank you

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